



# **PROGRESS REPORT ON MALAWI COMMITMENTS, SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES**

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# **2014 MALAWI COMMITMENTS FROM NEAPACHO MEETING**

➤ During the **2014 NEAPACHO MEETING**, Malawi committed to achieve four advocacy objectives:

- 1. To have Ministry of Health increase funding to Family Planning from K60 Million upwards by July, 2015**
- 2. To have Ministry of Health increase facilities providing youth friendly services by 10% by July 2015.**
- 3. To have Members of Parliament pass a bill that raise marriage age from 15 to 18 years by July 2015.**
- 4. To have the capacity of the health committee strengthened in use of evidence based research in its oversight function.**



# ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED TO IMPLEMENT 2014 COMMITMENTS

- Shared the commitments with fellow Members of Parliament to have more Family Planning Champions
- Conducted 3 round table meetings with Ministry of Health and Ministry of Finance to lobby for increased funding to FP
- Visited a number of Health Centres to have a feel faced by women in terms of family planning
- Visited centres providing Youth Friendly Health Services to appreciate the challenges they face.
- Followed up with cabinet on the status of the Marriage, Family relations and Divorce Bill.
- **In all these activities, the whole Health Committee was involved (Not only NEAPACHO DELEGATES)**

# MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH COMMITTEE WITH CIVIL SOCIETY ORIENTATION ON FP AND YFHS







# THE HEALTH COMMITTEE INTERACTING WITH SERVICE PROVIDERS AT ONE OF THE HEALTH CENTRES ON FAMILY PLANNING AND YOUTH FRIENDLY HEALTH SERVICES







## THE COMMITTEE INTERACTING WITH THE PATIENTS TO APPRECIATE THE CHALLENGES THEY FACE







# THE HEALTH COMMITTEE INTERACTING WITH THE YOUTH ON YFHS AT THE HEALTH CENTRE





# RESULTS OF THE MALAWI PARLIAMENTARIANS ADVOCACY

**The advocacy efforts results in the following ;**

- In February, 2015, Malawi Parliament passed the Marriage, Family Relations and Divorce Bill. This raised the marriage age to 18 years. The President assented in April, 2015 . We now have an ACT.
- Family Planning allocation was increased from MK60 Million in 2014 to MK70 Million in 2015 and now it has been revised to MK 75 Million.
- The Health Committee capacity in the use of evidence is strengthened by a number of interactions with the think tanks such as AFIDEP and Health Policy Palladium).
- The facilities providing youth friendly health services have increased by 8% by May 2016.





## MAJOR LESSONS LEARNT

- The NEAPACHO Commitments are the commitments by the whole health committee.
- Support from Development partners and Civil Society organizations helped the Parliamentarians to achieve the commitments.
- Support from PPD ARO secretariat also raised the momentum among the Health Committee Members



# CHALLENGES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION

1. The Committee did not have funding to invite Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Health to a Round Table Meeting together. It relied on the donors (HPP and Jesus Cares Ministries) to finance the meetings
2. The funding made the committee to visit the rural health Centres close to Lilongwe the capital city. There is need for the committee to have funding for the implementation of the commitments





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